

Events in Capture of Ship

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UPI)—Following is a chronology of events in the North Korean seizure of the United States Navy intelligence vessel Pueblo. (Sequence is given in Eastern time, which is 14 hours behind Korean time.)

About two weeks ago: The Navy stationed the Pueblo off North Korea.

About 10 P.M. Monday: North Korean patrol boat approached Pueblo and with signal flags asked identity, then ordered, "Heave to or I will open fire on you." Pueblo responded, "I am in international waters." Patrol boat circled Pueblo.

About 11 P.M.: Three additional patrol craft appeared. One ordered: "Follow in my wake. I have a pilot aboard." The four craft circled the American ship. Two MIG jet fighter planes appeared.

11:45 P.M.: Pueblo radioed that she was being boarded by armed North Koreans.

Midnight: Secretary of State Dean Rusk was informed of the incident.

2 A.M. Tuesday: Pueblo reported that she had been asked to follow the North Korean ships into the port of Wonsan.

North Korea says the Pueblo, armed with two .50-caliber machine guns, fired on its patrol boats and that they returned the fire and "killed and wounded" several Americans. The Defense Department says only that four of Pueblo's crewmen

were injured, one critically, after the ship was boarded.

2:32 A.M.: Pueblo radioed that she had come "all stop" and was "going off the air."

Between 2 and 2:30 A.M.: Walt W. Rostow, special White House assistant, awakened President Johnson.

8:40 A.M.: The Defense Department publicly announced the incident. About the same time, President Johnson informed Congressional leaders, gathered for a previously scheduled breakfast meeting.

5:50 P.M.: Navy announced that four men aboard the ship had been injured in the boarding. Informed sources disclosed the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Enterprise had been diverted from her course toward the North Vietnamese coast and ordered into the Sea of Japan, where the Pueblo was seized.

9 P.M.: United States and North Korean representatives met at the Panmunjom armistice talks. Rear Adm. John V. Smith demanded the return of the Pueblo and her crewmen. Maj. Gen. Pak Chung Kook rejected the demand.